



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 13 July 2006

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *July 12, Daily Sun (FL)* — **SECO rolls out power outage-tracking site.** A new Website developed by Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO) in Central Florida could make it easier for customers to report power outages and follow the progress of power-restoration efforts during

storms. SECO recently went online with a new storm center site that includes maps of SECO's service territory that show where outages have occurred and where restoration efforts are in progress. Customers may report power outages, track areas where power is out, and follow the restoration efforts under way during a storm. Barry Bowman of SECO said, "It's of particular interest to emergency operations personnel." Spokesperson Cheri Jacobs said Progress Energy is in the "preliminary investigative stages" of offering its customers the option of reporting outages via the Internet.

Storm Center Website: <http://www.secostormcenter.com>

Source: <http://www.thevillagesdailysun.com/articles/2006/07/11/news/news02.txt>

2. *July 11, Associated Press* — **Eight charged with smuggling gasoline to New York, faking quality.** Eight people were arrested Tuesday, July 11, on charges that they bought hundreds of thousands of gallons of regular gasoline from fuel terminals in New Jersey and passed it off to New York gas stations as high-octane premium. An untold number of drivers then bought the gas at higher prices, thinking they were getting the more expensive brand. Prosecutors said the men and six companies named in an indictment also committed tax fraud by buying the gas in New Jersey, where fuel taxes are lower, and then illegally smuggling it to New York with doctored paperwork.  
Source: [http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--gasolinesmuggling0711jul11.0.4171519.story?coll=ny-region-apnew\\_york](http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--gasolinesmuggling0711jul11.0.4171519.story?coll=ny-region-apnew_york)
3. *July 11, Associated Press* — **Britain unveils future energy plans with focus on nuclear and renewable power.** Britain unveiled its energy plan for the next 50 years Tuesday, July 11, saying nuclear power could make a "significant contribution" to the country's needs as it seeks to reduce dependence on imported fuel. Prime Minister Tony Blair said Tuesday that "we're going to move from being self-sufficient in basic energy to a big importer." Blair says Britain needs nuclear power to keep it from becoming overly dependent on fuel imports from the Middle East, Central Asia, and Russia as its North Sea oil reserves diminish. Britain's 23 nuclear power stations supply about 20 percent of the country's electricity — but all but one are due to be closed down by 2023. Britain has lagged behind other European nations in boosting its use of renewable energy such as wind and solar power. Germany, the world's largest producer of wind power, will shut down all its nuclear plants by about 2021.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2006-07-11-britain-energy\\_x.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2006-07-11-britain-energy_x.htm?csp=34)
4. *July 10, New York Times* — **China is called on to rein in its growing use of electricity.** The International Energy Agency on Monday, July 10, called for China to revamp its electric power industry, noting that waste and inefficiency contributed to the need for the country to add enough new, mostly coal-fired, power plants every two years to equal the entire electricity generation capacity of France or Canada. The energy agency was critical of China's decision to limit increases in electricity prices, saying that this prompted Chinese consumers and industries to use considerably more energy than they needed. Faced with an overheating economy in 2004, the Chinese government decided to allow few price increases for power companies even though global energy prices were rising. Beijing officials have largely followed that policy since, including a slight increase on June 30, even as world oil prices have soared past \$70 a barrel and coal and natural gas prices have also climbed. Coal fuels two-thirds of China's electricity production, and China is now the world's second-largest electricity consumer,

trailing the U.S.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/11/business/worldbusiness/11power.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/11/business/worldbusiness/11power.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

5. *July 12, Associated Press* — **Chemical reaction prompts evacuation in Maine.** A chemical reaction caused by a liquid dish detergent reacting with an aluminum pot was to blame for sending seven people to the hospital in Indian Island, ME. A kitchen worker suffered burns after placing a leaking five-gallon container of dish detergent into a pot. The potassium hydroxide in the detergent reacted with aluminum in the pot, bubbling over and producing harmful vapors. Four others at the health center along with the cook and two emergency workers were treated at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. The Ruth Attean Health Center was evacuated after the incident late Monday morning, July 10.  
Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/news/maine/20060712043.php>
6. *July 11, Associated Press* — **Investigators find gas line tampering at scene of Manhattan building blast.** Investigators confirmed Tuesday, July 11, that a gas line in Manhattan had been tampered with before a landmark town house was leveled Monday by an explosion, narrowing their focus on the building's owner, who is suspected of setting off the blast in a botched suicide attempt during a bitter divorce. "We're saying this is intentional," said Louis Garcia, the city's chief fire marshal, adding that the modifications could have been made by "anybody who is handy." Plastic tubing had been connected with a radiator valve to the main gas line in the basement of the Upper East Side building, Garcia said. With the valve left open, gas was able to flow freely into the house for hours before the blast. At least 15 people were injured, including five civilians and 10 firefighters.  
Source: <http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2006/07/12/news/nation/nation%202.txt>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

7. *July 12, Aviation Week* — **Speed up missile defense system, House Armed Services chairman urges.** The U.S. should accelerate its missile defense system so that interceptors already on hand can take out any incoming ballistic missiles launched from North Korea, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) said Tuesday, July 11. Following North Korea's test launch of seven missiles July 4, including one with the potential to reach U.S. territory, Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) said he would be looking for "any opportunity to accelerate the deployment of interceptors." Hunter said the Bush administration and Congress need to determine if accelerating the program is possible, "what steps would be necessary and what it would cost."  
Source: [http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel\\_aerospacedaily\\_story.jsp?id=news/MISS07126.xml](http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_aerospacedaily_story.jsp?id=news/MISS07126.xml)

## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *July 12, Finextra* — **NASD warns of bogus Website scam.** The U.S. National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) is warning of a new online scam that attempts to trick investors into sending money to schemes that appear to be government-sanctioned but which actually are fraudulent. NASD says the scam, which mainly targets non-U.S. investors, uses spam e-mails and faxes to direct investors to phony sites which attempt to get investors to send money in advance of any service rendered. Investors are directed to bogus sites that end in the suffix "-gov.us" in the Web address to resemble the ".gov.xx" designation that official government sites outside the U.S. typically use, where "xx" is a two-letter country code. The regulator says these fake sites may also use 'cookies' to track visitors and gather personal information. NASD says it is aware of at least three sites using the 'gov.us' trick -- Board of Commissioners of Mergers and Acquisitions, Central Registry Regulators, and National Mergers and Acquisitions Board. Source: <http://finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=15566>
9. *July 11, Channel News Asia (Singapore)* — **Two banks the targets of latest phishing scam.** Two banks have been the targets of the latest phishing scam. E-mails purportedly from Citibank Singapore and OCBC Bank asked recipients for their personal data in order to verify their accounts, saying that unless this is done, access to their accounts will be denied. OCBC Bank, which is based in Singapore, has advised recipients to ignore the e-mail. OCBC says the fraudulent site is hosted in China and it has enlisted Chinese authorities in shutting it down. The bank says the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Singapore Computer Emergency Response Team have been informed. Citibank has closed down the scam Websites. It says so far, none of its customers have suffered any financial loss as a result of this phishing attempt. Source: <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/218454/1/.html>
10. *July 11, Government Executive* — **Report: Veterans Affairs treated data breach with indifference.** Senior Veterans Affairs (VA) officials failed to understand the significance of the department's early May data breach and responded with "indifference and little sense of urgency," according to an inspector general (IG) report released Tuesday, July 11. The report from VA Inspector General George Opfer reviews the circumstances surrounding the May 3 theft of a laptop computer and external hard drive from the home of a data analyst. The equipment contained personal information on more than 26 million veterans. Department policies and procedures for protecting personal and proprietary data were not followed, though none of the policies prohibited the removal of protected information from the worksite, the report said. Information security weaknesses remain uncorrected, the IG added. The report recommended that VA Secretary James Nicholson establish a clear and concise policy on protecting sensitive information on and off agency systems and modify mandatory cybersecurity and privacy awareness training. In response to the report, Nicholson said he has initiated four administrative investigations of the offices involved in both the breach and the response. He also said the agency has "embarked on a course of action to wholly improve its cyber and information security programs." IG Report: <http://www.va.gov/oig/51/FY2006rpts/VAOIG-06-02238-163.pdf> Source: [http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=34527&dcn=to daysnews](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34527&dcn=to%20daysnews)

## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

11. *July 12, Boston Globe* — **Workmanship and design of Big Dig tunnel are called into question.** Investigators unraveling how concrete ceiling panels cascaded onto a car in one of Boston's Big Dig tunnels on Monday, July 10, should focus on some basic, troubling questions about the way the tunnel ceiling was built, civil engineers and highway construction specialists said on Tuesday, July 11. Officials from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority suspect that the accident that killed Milena Del Valle began with the failure of a single steel hanger that helped hold up the concrete ceiling, setting off a chain reaction that caused other hangers to fail and send 12 tons of concrete to the highway surface as Del Valle's husband drove underneath. Now, federal and state investigators are looking into the possibility that there was some defect in the way the hangers were manufactured or secured to the roof of the tunnel connecting the turnpike to the Ted Williams Tunnel. A 1998 report from the state Office of the Inspector General documented numerous problems with the bolts and glue used to secure the ceiling in the Ted Williams Tunnel. Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the consultant that managed the design and construction of the project for 20 years, also promised to work with the Turnpike Authority to determine the cause.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/news/traffic/bigdig/articles/2006/07/12/workmanship\\_and\\_design\\_of\\_tunnel\\_are\\_called\\_into\\_question/](http://www.boston.com/news/traffic/bigdig/articles/2006/07/12/workmanship_and_design_of_tunnel_are_called_into_question/)

12. *July 12, Agence France-Presse* — **Japanese carriers reroute flights after North Korean missile tests.** Japan's two largest airlines have diverted Europe-bound flights away from western Japan after North Korea fired seven missiles in that direction last week, company officials said Wednesday, July 12. All Nippon Airways (ANA) and Japan Airlines Corp said they are redirecting their planes to fly straight north from Tokyo's Narita Airport to the tip of the northern island of Hokkaido before heading to Europe. ANA started diverting its flights to London and Frankfurt right after the missile launches, and as of Wednesday said it had rerouted six flights. Until now they had mainly taken a route over Niigata prefecture in northwestern Japan that passed near the landing points of the missiles. A Japan Airlines official said the decision to reroute was taken by the airline crew. Also, South Korea told its airlines Friday, July 7, to avoid airspace near North Korea until July 11 due to possible further missile launches by the North after a plane passed through the area just minutes before the test-launches.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-07-12-japan-korea-missile\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-07-12-japan-korea-missile_x.htm)

13. *July 12, Associated Press* — **Chicago derailment prompts shutdown, part of transit system closed.** A section of the Chicago's transit system was shut down after a derailment and fire forced commuters to evacuate a smoke-filled subway line. Terrorism was not suspected, officials said. Chicago Fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco said 152 passengers were transported to 12 hospitals, primarily to be treated for smoke inhalation, and 33 people refused treatment at the scene. At least one hospital reported two patients in critical condition. Officials said it was too early to say what caused the derailment. Chicago Transit Authority president Frank Kruesi said the National Transportation Safety Board had been contacted and investigators were en route to the scene. The last car of an eight-car Blue Line train heading to O'Hare International Airport derailed shortly after 5 p.m. CDT Tuesday, July 11, and material



under the train caught fire, said Chicago Transit Authority president Frank Kruesi. Kruesi estimated that as many as 1,000 people could have been on the train. After seeing the problem, the train operator called for power to be cut, Kruesi said, then proceeded to lead passengers out of the cars and through the smoky subway tunnel to the nearest emergency exit, where they climbed out through a grate in the sidewalk above.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/07/12/national/main17949\\_48.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/07/12/national/main17949_48.shtml)

14. *July 12, Arizona Republic* — **Fuel prices problem at US Airways.** To try to salve the financial sting felt by rising energy costs, Tempe, AZ-based US Airways Group Inc. has locked in a greater percentage of the set price it'll pay for jet fuel in 2006. The country's seventh-largest air carrier hedged 41 percent of its fuel cost for the year compared with 39 percent in June, according to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing made on Friday, July 7. The practice of hedging has become an increasingly viable alternative for airlines. The cost of a gallon of jet fuel soared from 78 cents per gallon in 2000, to \$1.81 per gallon at the start of 2006, according to the Department of Energy. This year, the price of fuel has averaged \$1.97 per gallon. The sharp increase in oil prices during the past few months may make the fuel hedge pay off. The cost of fuel is US Airways' second-largest expense. The cost of labor is first.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-07-12-us-air-fuel-costs\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-07-12-us-air-fuel-costs_x.htm)

15. *July 12, Daily Breeze (CA)* — **Coast Guard chemical leak in San Pedro hospitalizes three.**

Three crewmembers were hospitalized Tuesday, July 11, when hydrogen sulfide leaked aboard a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in San Pedro, CA, authorities said. The Coast Guard was conducting a fire drill at 7:35 a.m. PDT aboard the George Cobb, a 175-foot buoy tender, at Terminal Island when an open valve allowed the ship's fire system to pressurize a sewage tank, the Coast Guard said. Three male crewmembers — ages 21, 25 and 33 — were overcome by the deadly gas. Other crewmembers were evacuated. Firefighters assisted the ship's crew in containing the spill and ventilating the bulkhead.

Source: <http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/articles/3333561.html>

16. *July 12, CNN* — **Mumbai bombs: 'Pencil timers' found in wreckage.** Timers hidden in pencils have been discovered in at least three of the seven sites blast sites in Matunga station, Mahim and Borivili, where bombs exploded on commuter trains in India's financial capital, killed 185 people, according to CNN's sister station, CNN-IBN. The timers are believed to have detonated bombs made of RDX, one of the most powerful kinds of military explosives, the network quoted police as saying Wednesday, July 12. Forensic tests are also being performed on a leather bag found at one of the stations, as well as on other items collected there. No group has claimed responsibility for the blasts, which came in a span of 11 minutes during Tuesday evening's rush hour in Mumbai, when trains were jam-packed with commuters making their way home. U.S. officials said suspicion fell on two Islamic terrorist groups whose focus has been on the disputed territory of Kashmir — Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. Both groups have been implicated in attacks that involved coordinated bombings during peak times in India, the officials said. The Western Railway system carries more than 4.5 million passengers a day in the city formerly named Bombay.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/asiapcf/07/12/mumbai.blasts/index.html>

17. *July 12, Department of Homeland Security* — **DHS proposes information sharing improvements to prevent terrorists from boarding flights bound for U.S.** The Department

of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on Wednesday, July 12, a rule proposing a pre-departure Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) requirement. This requirement will allow DHS to collect passenger information for flights and cruises bound for the United States prior to their departure from foreign ports. The advance transmission of this information will provide DHS time to identify potential threats, then coordinate with airlines and foreign law enforcement to block a suspect person from boarding or remove them before the plane leaves the ground. APIS data includes passenger information that would be found on the front of a passport, such as full name, gender, and country of passport issuance. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2006, providing two options for air carriers and one option for sea carriers to meet the pre-departure APIS transmission requirements. U.S. Customs and Border Protection already requires the transmission of APIS data for commercial carriers arriving in or departing from the United States. The announcement of a pre-departure requirement simply changes the time within which the APIS data must be transmitted.

The text of the proposed rule is available on CBP's Website:

<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/home.xml>

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5735>

18. *July 12, Associated Press* — **Los Angeles MTA unveils new security system.** Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa says the updated closed-circuit television system that transit officials unveiled Tuesday, July 11, has made bus and train riders "a lot safer." The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has invested \$9 million in security upgrades including the new surveillance system since 2005. The system includes 500 new video cameras that can tilt, pan, and zoom in close enough to read the time on a commuter's watch, according to the MTA's Mark Littman. They've been placed in all the stations along the Red, Blue, Green, and Gold lines, with as many as 14 in a single station. They also have been installed in subway cars on the Red Line, and there are plans to put them on all trains by the end of the year

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=local&id=4324655>

19. *July 07, Department of Transportation* — **Grant for Bridgeport high-speed ferry service to LaGuardia and lower Manhattan.** High-speed ferry service from Bridgeport, CT, to LaGuardia Airport and lower Manhattan is one step closer to reality for area residents thanks to a \$2.2 million grant announced by Federal Highway Administrator J. Richard Capka. The Bridgeport ferry facility now only provides low-speed service to Port Jefferson on Long Island. The funding announced today will be used to upgrade it to high-speed service from Bridgeport to LaGuardia Airport and lower Manhattan. Construction for a new ferry terminal may occur during the next three to five years. High-speed ferry service for Bridgeport supports a Bush Administration plan to take advantage of all forms of transportation to relieve congestion, according to Capka. The Bush Administration's recently announced National Strategy to Reduce Congestion in America's Transportation Network focuses on metropolitan areas and gives federal, state, and local officials a blueprint to cut traffic tie-ups, relieve freight bottlenecks, and give travelers more travel choices.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fhwa0806.htm>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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## Agriculture Sector

20. *July 12, Illinois Ag Connection* — **Soybean aphids found in Illinois.** Aphid sitings have been confirmed in part of Northern Illinois, central and northeast Iowa, and Wisconsin, according to Kevin Black, GROWMARK insecticide/fungicide technical specialist. Black said the number of soybean aphids this year was expected to be low based on low trap counts last fall, an ample number of natural controls, and the fact that 2006 appeared to be an off-year in what seems to be a two-year cycle.  
soybean aphid information: [http://www.planthealth.info/aphids\\_basics.htm](http://www.planthealth.info/aphids_basics.htm)  
Source: <http://www.illinoisagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=593&y r=2006>
21. *July 11, Star-Phoenix (Canada)* — **Anthrax outbreak worst on record.** The anthrax outbreak east of Saskatoon is the worst on record in Saskatchewan, Canada, with at least 28 herds now under quarantine and 113 suspicious animal deaths. The numbers of both are climbing and may continue to do so throughout the summer, said Sandra Stephens, a Saskatoon-based veterinary program specialist with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The CFIA continues to vaccinate all animals on farms that have tested positive for anthrax from its reserve supply. Some veterinarians in private practice, however, have run out of vaccine. "This is an area that doesn't typically see anthrax, so veterinarians don't typically have it in stock," Stephens said. There is no shortage of vaccine with the manufacturer, Stephens said, only a challenge of getting it to the area quickly enough. The quarantined farms fall within four rural municipalities: Spalding, St. Peter, Willow Creek and Kinistino.  
Source: [http://www.canada.com/saskatoonstarphoenix/news/third\\_page/story.html?id=8f0f91f8-e90d-4546-8f64-e8ba1d4dc934](http://www.canada.com/saskatoonstarphoenix/news/third_page/story.html?id=8f0f91f8-e90d-4546-8f64-e8ba1d4dc934)
22. *July 10, Equus* — **Equine Viral Arteritis reported in New Mexico.** On June 26 the Office International des Epizooties Reference Laboratory for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center, confirmed an outbreak of EVA involving fetal losses among mares on a Quarter Horse breeding farm in New Mexico. This was based on the widespread prevalence of high antibody levels to the virus in both mares and stallions, plus virus isolation from the semen of two stallions. The outbreak was reported to the New Mexico Livestock Board, which is now investigating the potential for spread of the infection to other premises.  
EVA information: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/naahps/equine/eva>  
Source: [http://equisearch.com/equiwire\\_news/evaoutbreak\\_071006/](http://equisearch.com/equiwire_news/evaoutbreak_071006/)
23. *July 10, Reuters* — **Canada to drop bluetongue tests for U.S. livestock.** Canada will no longer test cattle and other ruminant animals from the U.S. for bluetongue disease before they can be imported, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said on Monday, July 10. Bluetongue is a viral disease spread by an insect and is not fatal to domestic ruminant animals such as cattle and sheep, but it can make them ill. It can be fatal to wild white-tailed deer. Canada first made



testing mandatory for U.S. cattle imports about 20 years ago but the CFIA lifted this requirement for cattle bound for Canadian feedlots in 2004. Imported breeding cattle continued to require testing. The change is expected to go into effect within six months.

Source: [http://ca.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-07-10T220506Z\\_01\\_N10382971\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_CA\\_NADA-FOOD-CANADA-CATTLE-COL.XML&archived=False](http://ca.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-07-10T220506Z_01_N10382971_RTRIDST_0_CA_NADA-FOOD-CANADA-CATTLE-COL.XML&archived=False)

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Nothing to report.

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## **Water Sector**

**24. *July 11, Daily Bulletin (California)* — Upland water plant gets heightened security.** An Upland, CA, water treatment plant will feature additional security measures. The City Council Monday, July 10, allocated \$165,000 to the five million dollar project, bringing the total cost to about \$5.1 million. In December 2004, the council awarded a contract for construction of the treatment plant and during construction, materials and equipment were stolen. The added security features include an audible alarm that would alert the Upland Police Department, infrared motion detectors and additional lighting.

Source: [http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci\\_4034976](http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_4034976)

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## **Public Health Sector**

**25. *July 12, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases* — Program aims to model immune responses and key infectious diseases.** A new program at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) aims to better understand the complex biochemical networks that regulate the interactions between infectious organisms and the human or animal cells they infect. The Program in Systems Immunology and Infectious Disease Modeling (PSIIM) will employ a powerful new approach called computational systems biology to develop a deeper understanding of how pathogens cause disease and how the immune system responds to them. “The idea of the PSIIM,” says NIAID Director Anthony Fauci, “is to use systems biology to allow scientists to ask very big questions they may not have been able to fully address even a few years ago — such as how infectious organisms invade human cells, how the toxins they produce cause cell and tissue destruction and how these pathogens evade or manipulate the immune response.”

Source: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/jul2006/niaid-12.htm>

**26. *July 11, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* — Additional funds for state and local pandemic influenza preparedness efforts.** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt Tuesday, July 11, announced an additional \$225 million in

funding for state and local preparedness. The announced funding is part of \$350 million included in recent emergency appropriations for upgrading state and local pandemic influenza preparedness passed by Congress in December. In February, the first phase of \$100 million was awarded to states for planning and exercising of pandemic response plans and to identify gaps in preparedness. This second phase of funding is being awarded to begin addressing those identified gaps in pandemic influenza preparedness planning. The grants will be awarded to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, three local jurisdictions (New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles County), five U.S. Territories and three Freely Associated States of the Pacific.

Source: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2006pres/20060711.html>

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Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

27. *July 12, Associated Press* — **San Bernardino County declares state of emergency as wildfire rages.** A wildfire ripped across the Southern California desert Wednesday, July 12, forcing more than a thousand people to flee and destroying at least 30 homes and outbuildings, including several in the historic Western movie community of Pioneertown. Late Tuesday, July 11, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency, requesting Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger approve disaster money. Firefighters were concentrating resources along the southern front of the Sawtooth Complex, which burned toward Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley, both populated areas. Over 100 homes were evacuated from communities in Little Morongo Canyon and Burns Canyon Wednesday, adding to the 1,000 plus who had fled the flames Tuesday. Firefighters reported zero containment Wednesday, July 12, with no estimate of when the fire might be controlled. Strong winds fanned the flames, worrying fire officials that more spot fires could break out. An evacuation center was set up at Yucca Valley High School, and horses and other livestock were taken to the town of Landers. Source: <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/15016038.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

28. *July 11, Government Executive* — **OPM: In pandemic, homes could become 'safe havens' for work.** In the case of a pandemic flu outbreak, federal agencies could find ways to encourage employees barred from leaving their houses to work from home, despite the lack of legal authority to mandate telework, according to new guidelines from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The 76-page OPM document released Monday, July 10 is the second of three guides prepared in response to President Bush's request for a plan to keep federal agencies operating during emergency situations such as an outbreak of pandemic flu. The document, drawing on existing laws and regulations, states that neither agency heads nor OPM can mandate telework. By ordering an evacuation and authorizing pay for evacuated employees, however, agencies can declare the employees' homes "safe havens," and require them to "perform any work necessary" from their homes during the evacuation period, the document

states. If employees refuse to work from home in such a situation, they could be required to use annual leave and could be furloughed or disciplined, the guidelines state. Future guidance is expected to address the administration of evacuation payments during pandemic influenza.

OPM guidelines, "Human Capital Planning for Pandemic Influenza":

<http://www.govexec.com/pdfs/HandbookOPM2ndJuly72006.pdf>

Source: [http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=34523&dcn=to daysnews](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34523&dcn=to%20daysnews)

29. *July 11, Associated Press* — **Emergency alerts to ping cell phones, Internet.** The government will soon be pinging cell phones and posting on Websites to warn Americans of impending disasters as it updates its Cold War–era emergency alert system. By the end of next year, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) expects to be able to send emergency alerts to cell phones, Internet sites and hand–held computers to reach as many people as possible before a catastrophe strikes, spokesperson Aaron Walker said Tuesday, July 11. It also seeks to transmit warnings on cable TV channels and satellite radio to supplement the government's long–tested but never–used national alerts on network channels and AM radio stations. "Anything that can receive a text message will receive the alert," said Walker, a spokesperson for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is running the alert system for DHS. "We find that the new digital system is more secure, it's faster and it enables us to reach a wide array of citizens and alert them to pending disasters."

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2006-07-11-digital-alert-system\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2006-07-11-digital-alert-system_x.htm)

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

30. *July 12, Reuters* — **State Department probing computer anomalies.** The State Department is investigating "anomalies" in its unclassified computer system, the agency said Tuesday, July 11, declining to comment on a report that the department's computers had been hacked. State Department spokesperson Nancy Beck confirmed only the problem was not a computer virus and that an investigation was under way.

Source: [http://news.com.com/State+Dept.+probing+computer+anomalies/2100-7349\\_3-6093040.html](http://news.com.com/State+Dept.+probing+computer+anomalies/2100-7349_3-6093040.html)

31. *July 11, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team* — **Microsoft Windows, Office, and IIS vulnerabilities.** Microsoft has released updates that address critical vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows, IIS, and Office. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities could allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service on a vulnerable system.

For affected systems, please see source advisory.

Solution: Microsoft has provided updates in the Security Bulletins:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms06-jul.mspx>

Source: <http://www.uscert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA06-192A.html>

32. *July 11, eWeek* — **FBI reports a surge in online job scams.** According to a report issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 5, individuals in the market for a new job

have more to fear than rejection—online job scams are becoming prevalent as more individuals hunt for new employment opportunities online. In a cautionary report, the FBI explains that identity thieves have been known to take advantage of the personal information that is disclosed when applying for a job: names, home addresses and phone numbers, work numbers, e-mail addresses, and sometimes even dates of birth and social security numbers.

Report: [http://www.fbi.gov/page2/july06/job\\_scams070506.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/page2/july06/job_scams070506.htm)

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1987544,00.asp>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

### DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

**Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.**

**US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis:** US-CERT is aware of multiple vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) 6.0. US-CERT is also aware of a public blog that will be posting new web browser bugs on a daily basis in July. US-CERT will be analyzing relevant vulnerabilities, as well as actively monitoring the site to provide additional information as it becomes available. Please review URL: <http://metasploit.blogspot.com/2006/07/month-of-browser-bugs.html>

US-CERT strongly recommends the following:

Review VU#159220 / Microsoft Internet Explorer vulnerable to heap overflow via the HTML Help Control "Image" property : <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/159220>

Disable ActiveX as specified in the following:

Securing Your Web Browser:

[http://www.us-cert.gov/reading\\_room/securing\\_browser/#Internet Explorer](http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#Internet Explorer)

Malicious Web Scripts FAQ:

[http://www.cert.org/tech\\_tips/malicious\\_code\\_FAQ.html#steps](http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/malicious_code_FAQ.html#steps)

Do not follow unsolicited links.

Review the steps described in Microsoft's document to improve the safety of your browser: [http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/online/browsing\\_safety.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/online/browsing_safety.msp)

US-CERT will continue to update current activity as more information becomes available.

**Public Exploit Code for Unpatched Vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer**

US-CERT is aware of publicly available exploit code for two unpatched vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer. By persuading a user to double click a file accessible through WebDAV or SMB, a remote attacker may be able to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the user. US-CERT is tracking the first vulnerability as VU#655100: <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/655100>

The second issue is a cross domain violation vulnerability that is being tracked as VU#883108: <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/883108>

Until an update, patch, or more information becomes available, US-CERT recommends the following:

Do not follow unsolicited links.

To address the cross domain violation vulnerability (VU#883108):  
<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/883108>

Disable ActiveX as specified in the Securing Your Web Browser:  
[http://www.us-cert.gov/reading\\_room/securing\\_browser/#Internet Explorer](http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#Internet Explorer)

Review Malicious Web Scripts FAQ:  
[http://www.cert.org/tech\\_tips/malicious\\_code\\_FAQ.html#steps](http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/malicious_code_FAQ.html#steps)

US-CERT will continue to update current activity as more information becomes available

## PHISHING SCAMS

US-CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. US-CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:

Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US-CERT.  
[http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report\\_phishing.html](http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html)

Non-federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. <http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html>

### Current Port Attacks

<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	26777 (---), 1026 (win-rpc), 6881 (bittorrent), 25 (smtp), 38566 (---), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (auth), 24232 (---), 80 (www), 4672 (eMule) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center
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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Website: [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.



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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

**33. July 12, Washington Post — July homicide total rises to 14 in District.** Washington, DC Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey reacted on Tuesday, July 11, to a recent surge in homicides by declaring a "crime emergency," a move that gives him the freedom to quickly adjust officers' schedules and restrict their days off. Fourteen people have been killed since July 1 in the District, in all quadrants of the city, and police are being pressured to take action by residents at community meetings and vigils to honor the dead. Despite the recent uptick in violence, the 95 homicides recorded in the city so far this year is only one more than the total committed by this date in 2005. But the number of robberies is up 14 percent, and Ramsey and other commanders are concerned that more holdups will turn deadly. Three of the hold-ups occurred in late May on the National Mall, a part of the city usually untouched by crime. Late Tuesday night, two more robberies were reported on the Mall. The robbers targeted a family of four from Missouri and two women from Texas, police said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/12/AR2006071200441.html>

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## **General Sector**

Nothing to report.

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To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at [nicc@dhs.gov](mailto:nicc@dhs.gov) or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web page at [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

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